# THE Humble Petition OF MANY INHABITANTS In and about the City of LONDON.

Presented to the Parliament by *Mr. SAM. MOYER* and others, *May* 12. 1659.

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Together with the Answer of the Parliament thereunto.

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# TO THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMON-WEALTH OF ENGLAND.

## The humble Petition of many Inhabitants in and about the City of *London*.

*Humbly ſheweth,*

THat whereas it hath pleaſed the moſt wiſe Orderer and Diſpoſer of all things, to put you once more into the exerciſe of that Supream Truſt, wherein the King of Nations ſome years ſince ſuffered you to be interrupted, as a righteous check and chaſtiſement to you and us, for our unthankfulneſs for the Great Salvations wrought for us, and unfaithfulneſs in a vigo-

rous improvement of the opportunities thereby given, to bring to maturity and perfection the ſure foundation of a Common-weal in matters religious and civil, then happily laid and declared for, and ſignally owned by the Lord of Hoſts in the days of Appeals in the high places of the Field; which ſtroke from the Lord, with its ſad conſequences and effects, we deſire may be never forgotten by you or us. We judge it our duty, as to admire the Wiſdom, Power, and Goodneſs of God therein, and heartily bleſs his Name for hearing, and in his own time miraculouſly anſwering our ſighs, tears and prayers: So alſo to preſent unto you our cordial owning and rejoycing in this ſpecial Providence towards you and us, wherein you are recalled by God, and the Friends of this Common-wealth, and capacitated to re-aſſert the main Subſtance of the Good Old Cauſe, and effectually to Superſtruct thereupon, till the Top-ſtone of Univerſal Liberty, Freedom, Common Juſtice and Righteouſneſs be viſibly laid, to the Glory of God, the Satisfaction of your Friends, and the Conviction of all Enemies and Gainſayers.

We preſume your hearts and doors will be always open, to the ſober addreſſes of your Friends, as opportunity ſhall be offered, and therefore ſhall not in this juncture of time perplex your weighty affairs with multiplicity of particulars.

Wherefore at preſent we only pray;

1. That the Militia of the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Common-wealth may be ſpeedily ſet-

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led in the hands of such who have in this time of tryal approved themselves faithful to the Intereſt thereof.

2. That such faithfull persons, who have been ejected out of places of Truſt, Military or Civil, or have for Conſcience sake been neceſsitated to quit their employments, may be speedily invited and reſtored to their former capacities; and that none for the future may be imployed in any place, from the higheſt to the loweſt, but such who have (without declenſion) manifeſted their good affection to the Common-wealth.

3. That care may be taken that the persons intruſted with the Legiſlative power, may not be perpetuated, but that all persons within this Common-wealth may taſte of ſubjection, as well as rule, and in order thereunto, that in convenient time proviſion may be made for an equall diſtribution of Elections in the Repreſentatives of this Common-wealth, with such due qualifications of the Electors and Elected, as may conſiſt with the Intereſt thereof.

4. That the Liberty of all persons within this Common-wealth may be ſo tendred, that neither their persons may be impriſoned, nor their goods touched, without the breach of ſome known Law, and due proſecution accordingly, and that such Miniſters of Juſtice, Jaylors and others may be proceeded againſt and removed, who have acted contrary hereunto.

5. That what Monies are, or ſhall be levyed upon the people for the ſervice of the Common-wealth, may not be diverted to any other purpoſe whatſoever; that the great ſumms of Money, proportions of Lands, and places of Advantages that have been granted to, or conferred upon any by the Broad Seal, or otherwiſe,

ſince the 20th. of *April* 1653. may be taken into Conſideration, and that the chargeable Office and Officers of the Exchequer, (as to receipts and payments) may be reduced and regulated, as being calculated more for the Meridian of the Court, then fitted for the ſervice of the Common-wealth.

6. That proviſion may be made, that ſuch who live peaceably in Godlineſs and Honeſty (though of different perſwaſions in matters of Faith and Worſhip) may be equally protected and encouraged.

7. That a Committee may be appointed to receive Propoſitions from any ſuch perſon or perſons as may be able to give light and direction in ſuch things, as may conduce unto the frame or conſtitution of a good and equall Common-wealth, or Free Eſtate.

8. That all ſuch ſumms of Money, that ſince the 20th. of *April* 1653. have been received, or borrowed out of the Exchequer by Privy Counſellors or others, be repayed into the Treaſury of this Common-wealth.

Thurſday

## Thurſday *May* 12. 1659.

THe Houſe being informed that ſeveral Gentlemen were attending with a Petition at the door, they were called in, and Mr. *Samuel Moyer* Eſq; in behalf of them all preſented a Petition, which when the Petitioners were withdrawn, was read, being entituled,

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Ordered that the Petitioners be called in, and that Mr. Speaker acquaint them, *That the Houſe will take the matter of the Petition into conſideration in due time, and that he give them thanks in the name of the Parliament, for their good and conſtant affections.*

And the Petitioners being again called in, Mr. Speaker returned them this anſwer.

Gentlemen,

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*The Parliament have read your Petition, and every part of it, and do intend in due time to take the things therein mentioned into consideration; In the mean time they have commanded me to tell you, that they do accept of your Petition, and give you thanks for your care in it, and for your good affection.*

Jo. Phelpes, *Clerk of the Parliament* pro tempore.